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Mineral King Road Fund Block

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The Assembly Transportation Committee has approved over opposition from Walt Disney Productions legislation aimed at blocking expenditure of $23 million for the proposed Mineral King highway.

The water-down resolution by Assemblyman Ken MacDonald, D-Ojai, cleared the committee Thursday and went to the ways and means committee for further consideration.

The measure originally urged the State Highway Commission to reallocate the sum earmarked for the proposed Mineral King roadway to a private high Sierra resort planned by the Disney Company.

MacDonald amended it Thursday to request the commission to refrain from actually scheduling funds for construction of the highway until the U.S. Supreme Court had settled pending legal challenges to the development.

A Disney representative called the amended resolution a "repetitive and unncessary restatement" of current highway commission policy.